

Application No. 09/827,466

Amendment in Response to the Office Action date July 28, 2003

Docket No.: 7157-291

**REMARKS**

Applicants have cancelled Claims 97, 98 and 118-130 without prejudice in response to Examiner's restriction requirement. Claims 1-96, 99-117 and 131-132 are now pending in this application.

In an Office Action dated July 28, 2003, restriction to one of the following inventions was required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- Group I: Claims 1-96, 99-116, 117, 131 and 132, drawn to a method and portal for processing information, and a method for using bar codes, classified in class 235, subclass 462.01.
- Group II: Claims 97 and 98, drawn to a gaming method using tickets having bar codes, classified in class 463, subclass 16.
- Group III: Claims 118-130, drawn to a method for catalog ordering using bar codes, classified in class 705, subclass 26.

Applicants hereby elect Group I (Claims 1-96, 99-116, 117, 131 and 132, drawn to a method and portal for processing information, and a method for using bar codes, classified in class 235, subclass 462.01) without traverse.

Applicants expressly reserve the right to the non-elected subject matter including the right to file one or more continuation and/or divisional applications to that subject matter, as now embraced in non-elected Claims 97-98 and 118-130.

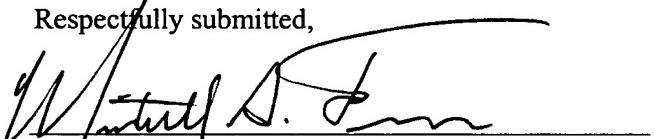
**CONCLUSION**

Claims 1-96, 99-117 and 131-132 are now pending and believed to be in proper form for allowance.

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